PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Subject No. 110.

Minor tanks to be repaired at Government cost.

Mr. Chikkannaiya.
„ Ramavadhani.
„ Rama Rao.
„ C. Srinivas Rao.

Summary of Representation.—The work of repairing minor tanks should be undertaken by Government as is the case with major tanks.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao said that in malnad, small tanks deserved special consideration. The limit for such tanks may be reduced to Rs. 100.

Reply of Government.—This subject will be disposed of in connection with the report of the Irrigation Committee now before Government.

Subject No. 111.

Earth-work to minor tanks by raiyats.

Mr. Gundapandit and Mr. Nanjappa of Malvalli Taluk.
Mr. Lingegowda of Nagavala, Mysore.

Summary of Representation.—The raiyats do not execute earth-work to minor tanks although pressed to do it. The tanks are therefore in a neglected condition. It is therefore prayed that both the earth-work and masonry work may be ordered to be undertaken by Government.

In order that the annual repairs may be regularly done, the Tank Inspectors may be given an imprest of Rs. 200 to get the unfinished portion of the work done, and the cost realized as arrears of Land Revenue. The repairs of these tanks should be commenced during the month of January and completed before April every year.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 110.

Subject No. 112.

Repairs to minor tanks in Malnad.

Mr. Rama Rao.
„ Sivarajpur Subbarayabhattaru.
„ Sarja Manjappa.
„ Nadig Sivappa.

Summary of Representation.—There are no big tanks in Malnad tracts but there are many small tanks for the use of garden cultivation. The raiyats are not at present in a position to repair such tanks. It is requested that these tanks whose atchkat is below Rs. 300 may be restored at the cost of Government.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 100.

Subject No. 113.

Annual repairs of channels.

Mr. Linge Gowda, Nagavala, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Amildars should be empowered to estimate for and measure the annual maintenance work required to river channels and also to have sluices in such channels repaired during the cultivating season. At present raiyats do not get water till the officials of the Engineering Department come and take up the work.

Mr. Annaiya Pandit said that the work may be entrusted either to the Amildars and the Public Works Department Officers jointly or only to the former.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered on the lines of the Palahalli Channel, after the Irrigation Committee's report is considered.

Subject No. 114.

Regulation of supply of water in large tanks.

Mr. Hutcheeregowda of Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Responsible officers of Government may be directed to inspect large tanks once a year before the cultivation season and regulate the supply of water to the fields thereunder, having regard to the

quantity of water necessary to be stored for drinking purposes and for affording moisture to garden lands.

Messrs. Singlachar, Nadig Sivappa and Kadaba Ramanuja Iyengar represented that on the other hand, the tendenwas for the wet land cultivators appropriating too much water to the prejudice of bagayet lands and the needs of water required for drinking and cattle. Mr. Sivappa suggested that the distribution of water should be left to a Panchayet.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration. The Deputy Commissioners will be asked to report through the Revenue Commissioner whether any special measures are necessary.

Subject No. 114.

A tank Pahani Account.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—A tank Pahani Account should be maintained and the Jamabandi officer required to examine it and submit a report on the extent of water supply.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 115.

Inspection of all tanks—Major or Minor—once a year by a responsible officer.

Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—All tanks may be inspected by a responsible officer of Government once a year and steps taken towards the effective maintenance of tanks and the working of sluices etc.

Reply of Government.—This is an important work and is being attended to as far as possible. The attention of the Deputy Commissioners will be called to it and strict orders will also be issued for the future.

Subject No. 116.

Maintenance of Malnad Tanks.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur.

Summary of Representation.—Government should undertake the earthwork of Malnad tanks as the raiyats are unable to execute the same.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 110.

Subject No. 117.

Control over the irrigation channels.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.
„ Narasimhaswami.
„ Madappa.
„ Hassan Ali Beg of the Mysore City Municipality.
„ Kodandapani Setty.

Summary of Representation.—The dual control over the channels of irrigation may be done away with and the Public Works Department entrusted with undivided control over them. Tank and Work Inspectors may be transferred to the Public Works Department to look after the conservancy of tanks and channels relieving the Public Works Department if necessary, of the maintenance of District Fund Roads for which the Deputy Commissioners may have an Assistant Engineer. The maintenance of Provincial roads may continue under the charge of Public Works Department as before.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 113.

Subject No. 118.

Appointment of Nala Manegars for large tanks.

Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar of Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Nala, Manegars may be appointed for large tanks to regulate the supply of water to the fields thereunder without giving any room for complaints.

Mr. Hutcheeregowda said that for the Kadaba tank, a Manegar was doubly necessary.